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INTERIM GUIDANCE ON NATURAL ATTENUATION FOR PETROLEUM RELEASES

The RR Program has released technical guidance on the use of natural attenuation for petroleum releases. The guidance covers site investigation needs, data analysis, and monitoring for natural attenuation at petroleum releases as well as Wisconsin regulatory requirements for site closure when using natural attenuation as a remedy. The guidance can be downloaded as an Adobe Acrobat file from the RR web site at: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/index.htm> Accompanying the guidance is a zip file containing three Excel spreadsheets and a Mann-Kendall Instruction Sheet. The files are:

1. a Mann-Kendall Statistical Test,
2. instructions for the Mann-Kendall Test, in rich text format (rtf),
3. a batch flushing model, and
4. a semi-log plot of concentration vs. time and concentration vs. groundwater elevation.

As with all interim guidances, this guidance will be updated as necessary. Call Terry Evanson at (608) 266-0941 or e-mail her at evanst@dnr.state.wi.us with questions or comments on the guidance. Official comments for future revisions can be sent to Dale Ziege - RR/3, DNR, Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707.

MORE BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT PILOT GRANTS

EPA has announced that is accepting another round of applications for the Brownfields Assessment Pilot Grants. These are \$200,000 grants for local governments that can be used for assessment, planning, and other brownfields activities. In addition to the \$200,000, EPA is also making available an additional \$50,000 for brownfields that will be used for parks and greenspace. The applications are due February 16, 2000. If you are interested in applying for an EPA grant, the DNR suggests that you let us know so that we can assist you with your project and write a letter of support for your application. For more information on the EPA Brownfields Assessment Pilot grants or assistance with an application please contact Michael Prager at (608) 261-4927 or pragem@dnr.state.wi.us The Oct. 19 Federal Register notice about the grants is at the following web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/html-doc/fr101999.htm>

The official application information is found at this site:

<http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/html-doc/apappg00.htm>

COMM 46/NR 746

The Departments of Commerce and Natural Resources have republished the joint COMM 46/NR 746 emergency rule. Both rule versions (COMM 46 and NR 746) contain the same language for risk based cleanups of petroleum contamination from tank systems that had been previously published as emergency rule COMM 46. The rules were republished because the previously published emergency rule had reached the end of its allowable period as an emergency rule. The departments are continuing work on a final version of the rule.

BROWNFIELDS TAX INCENTIVE

The RR Program has revised its publication and form "Brownfields Tax Deduction - Federal Taxpayer Relief", Publication #RR-592. As part of the U.S. Taxpayer Relief Act signed into law in 1997, businesses and property owners who clean up certain types of contaminated property in

certain areas may be eligible for the federal Brownfields Tax Incentive. This incentive allows eligible parties to fully deduct cleanup costs in the year in which they were incurred. The updated publication provides information on the incentive and includes a form that property owners can fill out to obtain certification of eligibility from DNR. To order this updated publication, please call the RR Information line at (800) 367-6076 in-state or (608) 264-6020 local Madison or out-of-state. For more information on the tax incentive please look on the RR web page at:
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/financial/>

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